

# Campus Connections



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## Introduction

Welcome back to pupils and their families following the summer holidays.

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## Updates

### New Staff

As you will be aware we had a number of retrials at the end of last session and extend a warm welcome to all our new staff:

Mrs Prentice	Business Manager
Ms Baxter	Teacher of Art and Design
Ms Simpson	Probationer Teacher of Art and Design
Ms Cooper	Probationer Teacher of Biology
Ms Duffus	Teacher of Biology
Mr Colliar	Teacher of Biology
Dr Friedberg	Teacher of Biology (Maternity Cover)
Ms Coulter	Probationer Teacher of Chemistry
Ms Wilson	Teacher of English
Ms Macrae	Teacher of History (Supply)
Ms McInally	Probationer Teacher of Geography
Mrs Ely	Care and Welfare Officer
Ms Williams	Campus Management Assistant
Mrs Muncey	Campus Management Assistant

We are currently advertising for a permanent PT Guidance and a teacher of History. These positions close soon, so if you know someone who may be interested in joining the staff team, let them know about these opportunities.

There are a number of staff who start new leadership roles today. We wish Mr Baxby (DHT), Mrs Byrne (PT Faculty), Mr McShane (PT Faculty) and Mr Armstrong (PT Faculty) success in their new roles.

## Kinross High School Overseas

Staff and pupils have travelled far and wide over the summer months. In early July, Mr Becher led an excursion which provided an opportunity 9 Kinross pupil's to attend a Summer School in China. This Summer School included more than 100 Scottish Students and provided the opportunity for young people to learn Mandarin and to visit some cultural sites in Beijing, Tianjin and Shandong Province.

In late July and into August, Mrs Carruthers, Ms Macnab and Mrs Morran led approx. 30 pupils in a world challenge to Madagascar. In addition to Lemur spotting the pupils have undertaken personal challenges including trekking, scaling the highest non-technical peak on the Island along with cultural activities. While in Madagascar, the groups visited the orphanage and build and renovated buildings.



All groups will be invited to share their experiences at an assembly and through our newsletters.

Team 1



Team 2

Team 3



## **Leadership**

There have been a number of new appointments to our Senior Leadership team this session. Mr Baxby has joined the team as Depute Head Teacher and Mrs Prentice as Business Manager. In addition to forming a new team, the senior team will focus on engaging with the school and its community over our joint vision, values and aims. We will be finding opportunities to share consistent practice through faculty working and further develop leadership capacity and opportunities for all staff.

To recognise these areas of focus, the senior team will now be known as the Senior Leadership Team (SLT).

## **SQA Results**

It has been another very good year for pupils at Kinross High School with over 2000 SQA awards being achieved across S4-6. With the continued hard work from staff and pupils the majority (82%) of pupils achieved grade A-C in graded courses. In new courses such as the Baccalaureate (Science and Languages) a high number of distinctions were awarded. The number of pupils achieving 5 National 5 awards in S4 increased to 65%.

There were many personal triumphs hidden within the results and many pupils who will now achieve their first choice of post school destination.

A full review of all results will be undertaken once the National Benchmarking tool "Insight" is updated. This provides an opportunity for comparison with similar schools.

### **Post Results Service**

The SQA continues to offer a post results service for awards where there is compelling evidence of an error having been made in the marking of candidates work. There are strict criteria which will be considered by Principal Teachers to determine if an error is likely. This criteria includes how well a candidate has performed across the entire course and if their performance is out with their normal rank order of all candidates presented by a school. The situation is not like the old appeals process and so the proximity of a pupil's mark to a grade boundary has no impact on whether a marking review will proceed. Where a marking review is considered, the final result could go down as well as up. If you feel your child meets the criteria for a marking review please contact the school office.

## **In-service Day**

The In-service Day provided the opportunity for teaching staff to work together on improving consistency and fairness in positive behaviour management.